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1. PRESS JANUARY 20 QUOTES WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC)

GENERAL SECRETARY ROMESH CHANDRA AS SAYING PREPARATIONS

UNDER WAY FOR LARGE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SHOWING

"SOLIDARITY" WITH ANGOLA. WPC WILL TRY ORGANIZE ON

BEHALF OF MPLA SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT SIMILAR THAT ORGANIZED

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ON BEHALF OF VIETNAM. MEDICAL PERSONNEL, MEDICINES,

CLOTHING AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ARE NEEDED, HE SAID.

2. CHANDRA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT WPC ISSUING AN APPEAL TO CELEBRATE FEBRUARY 4 (15TH ANNIVERSARY OF MPLA'S ARMED STRUGGLE) AS "INTERNATIONAL ANGOLAN SOLIDARITY DAY". IN ADDITION TO CONDEMNING US, SOUTH AFRICA AND ZAIRE FOR USING FNLA AND UNITA AS TOOLS FOR THEIR OWN AGGRESSION, WPC RESOLUTION CONDEMNED CHINA "FOR SUPPORTING ANGOLA'S REACTIONARY FORCES WITH WEAPONS, ADVISORS AND MONEY." RESOLUTION STATES THAT ATTACKS ON ANGOLA ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY A SERIOUS ATTACK AGAINST DETENTE AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

3. MPLA "FOREIGN MINISTER" DOS SANTOS AT PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED GULF OIL COMPANY CESSATION OF OPERATIONS AND WITHHOLDING OF OIL PAYMENTS AS ECONOMIC ATTACK BY IMPERIALISM. FURTHERMORE DOS SANTOS SAID 12,000 SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS PRESENTLY IN ANGOLA AND AS MANY AS 15,000 ZAIREAN TROOPS HAD FORMERLY BEEN IN ANGOLA. FIGURE OF 12,000 SOUTH AFRICANS, WHICH IS FAR HIGHER THAN HE USED IN COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW (REFTEL), DOS SANTOS SAID HE HAD OBTAINED FROM SWAPO LEADERS. DOS SANTOS WAS NOT AS FREE WITH FIGURES FOR HIS OWN OUTSIDE SUPPORT. HE ADMITTED THE PRESENCE OF SOVIETS AND CUBANS, BUT SAID THEIR NUMBER WAS A MILITARY QUESTION WHICH COULD NOT BE REVEALED. AUSTAD

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